

Pierce County Paramedic Airway Management Course

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INTRODUCTION

This eight hour course is designed to improve the paramedic's ability to provide essential life-saving airway maintenance and ventilation skills in a safe and effective manner.

This course focuses on critical thinking and decision-making skills in airway management. Small group practice will focus on BVM ventilation, endotracheal intubation, difficult and failed airway management, utilization of RSI, utilization of rescue airways, and pediatric airway management. This class, originally developed in Pierce County as a pilot program, satisfies the ET tube requirements for Pierce County paramedics who have completed a minimum of one paramedic recertification.

This course is part of the Pierce County Paramedic Airway Management Program which combines an eight (8) hour airway course, which must be completed every three years, along with a minimum of two PAM airway refresher training programs. EMS provider agencies and/or individuals who have signed up to participate in the program must also comply with Pierce County EMS quality improvement program requirements for emergency airway management.

Paramedics must review the course handouts and complete the course pre-test before the start of this class. Pre-test questions are based upon information in the current Pierce County Protocol Book, associated AHA handbook and the pre-course handouts.

In addition to bringing your PAM course notebook, or department-issued PAM handouts to class, please be sure to bring your copy of the Pierce County Protocol book.